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ACTIVITY OF MSH5

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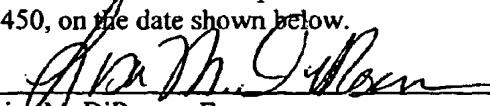
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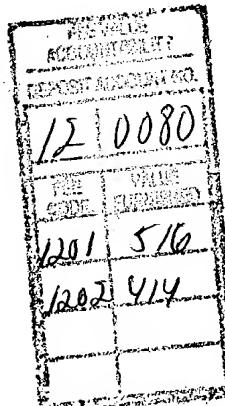
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Please amend the application as follows.

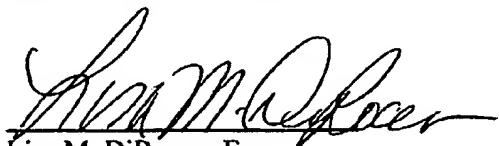


CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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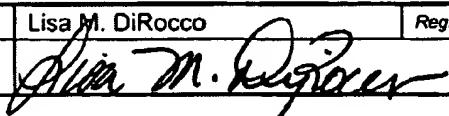
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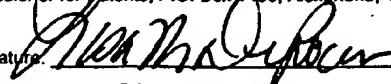
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